

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The dry weather across the Wiregrass has a lot of individual well users and whole communities scrambling to conserve precious water supplies. We don't know how precious water is unless the supply is suddenly cut off because of drought, etc. Something that is not widely faced in Alabama right now is the rising cost of that precious water. Last week we helped judge the Arkansas "Better Newspaper Contest" and at least half of the papers entered in the category of "government coverage" carried numerous stories reporting on the turmoil over rising water rates. Of course the towns in the worse shape were those who purchased their water from another community, as with North Little Rock. The battle is still ongoing, but the rate hike for them started out at something like 88% in one whack and in the last article we saw, it was still at about a 40% increase. That makes good headlines for newspapers entering contests, but will sure raise havoc with the budgets of homeowners. As costs go up, the rates must also go up because someone must pay the expenses, that is a given. . . . But water rate increases are usually very emotional issues with the public and during the year of 1999, it sure was with those Arkansas folks!

Before any of my "friends" start asking pointed personal questions, the reason we were involved with the newspaper judging was that there was a shortage of qualified folks willing to make the unpaid sacrifice and a couple of us gray-headed sofies were drafted to help out on the grueling project.

The courts have done it again! In New York, a man went to court and won the right to pose 150 people nude on a New York street for a photograph. It is "art" according to his successful lawsuit and thus the government doesn't have a right to deny him a permit for the photo session. The instant unanswered question in our mind now is just how big of a New York traffic jam did that pre-announced event cause at 6:30 in the morning?

The need for rain in the Wiregrass makes us appreciate even the little showers that come occasionally. Everyone didn't get rain Sunday or Monday of this week and most of us who did get it, only got showers. But, hey, not one person publicly tried to turn down a single drop of that precious stuff! That weather front moved on to places unknown and now those scanning the weather maps are hoping the next front will bring some relief by the end of this week. Again, the people of the Wiregrass are in such need for rain that even small showers are greatly appreciated.

The election turn out was light, as expected in Coffee County and across Alabama. Times they are a-changing and will continue to do so, but this ole' gray-haired publisher dreams of the good-old-days when county commission races stirred the interest of virtually every person in the county. There were heated debates over the pros and cons of the various candidates, and voters made it a point to go to the polls on election day to cast a vote for their favorite "road commissioner." The tempo was even faster and hotter when the six year term Probate Judge race fell in the same year as the commission races. Now, it is ho-hum, and the majority leave it to those of us faithful regular voters who are the minority to decide exactly who will serve and guide and make the important decisions for the county during the next four years.

VOTE

(Continued from Page One)

Coffee County Judge of Probate
William O. Gammill (unopposed)

Coffee County BOE
District 2:
Annette Griswold
District 3:
Kevin Moore

Coffee County Constable
Beat 17
Michael R. Norwicki (unopposed)

Chief Justice
Alabama Supreme Court
Pam Baschab 173
Roy Moore 714
Harold See 528
Wayne Thorn 77

Court of Civil Appeals Judge
Place No. 1:
Tommy Bryan 189
Richard Lawrence 148
Ralph Long 161
Craig Pittman 740

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge
Place No. 1:
Don Mansell 281
Tony Riley 350
Greg Shaw 402
Place 2:
David Estes 495
Kelli Wise 671
Place 3:
Alice Martin 591
Billy Joe Sheffield 581

U.S. Representative
2nd Congressional Dist.
Terry Everett (unopposed)

The statewide amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 101 requiring the election of the city board of education of any municipality in the state with a population exceeding 125,000 upon the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the municipalities passed in Coffee County by a margin of 3123 to 675.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 29, 2000, investigated the following incidents: five thefts of property, two harassing communications, three DULs, one counterfeit currency, one harassment, one forgery, one public intoxication, and one missing juvenile.

The following arrests were made: one for manslaughter, one for theft of property, one for failure to appear, and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for not having driver's license in possession, sixteen for violation of seat belt law, ten for speeding, one for an expired tag, one for violation of child restraint law, and two for driving while driver's license are suspended.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 29 - Alarm at a residence on Co. Rd. 502 (2:07 a.m.); River stage - 2.11 (6:20 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a trash fire on North Clayton Avenue (3:58 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the county jail in new Brockton (6:02 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline Street (7:33 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 30 - Prowler reported on Moore Street (3:39 a.m.); River stage - 2.09 (6:28 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck in New Brockton (6:45 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Martin Luther King Drive (12:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline Street (10:33 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Beaver Dam Trailer Court (11:58 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 - River stage - 2.09 feet (6:20 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a car fire on AL Hwy. 189S (10:54 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:01 p.m.); Alarm at Windham Lumber on Troy Highway (7:33 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 - River stage - 2.04 feet (6:24 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on Co. Rd. 228 (8:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Kendrick Apartments (8:45 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Drive (1:39 p.m.).

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• WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1922 - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba.

Wreck reported at the intersection on Claxton Avenue and Simmons Street (3:27 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck reported at the intersection on Claxton Avenue and Simmons Street (3:27 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 208 (3:29 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 - Disturbance reported on West Street (12:41 a.m.); River stage - 2.03 feet (6:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 306 (10:43 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to SouthTrust Bank (1:19 p.m.); Alarm at Weeks Tire company (6:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Reese Avenue (7:08 p.m.); Fight reported at Tootle Bug's (10:58 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to the county jail in New Brockton (6:20 a.m.); River stage - 2.02 feet (6:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (7:24 a.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - River stage - 2.03 feet (6:56 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to an alarm (fire - false alarm) at Elba General Hospital (11:32 a.m.); Routine activity.

The National Security Group, Inc. announces quarterly share results

Results for the three months ended March 31, 2000 and 1999, based on generally accepted accounting principles, were reported recently as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2000	1999
Premium Income	\$5,776,000	\$6,871,000
Investment Income	1,055,000	1,085,000
Total Revenues	7,868,000	8,744,000
Income	\$1,111,000	\$ 467,000
Net Income Per Share	\$.54	\$.23

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of May 29, 2000 through June 4, 2000. They were: Dorothy Davis, Carol Harbick, Katie Moore, Cleo McDaniel, Wilma Marler, Eva Miller, Jean Paul, Fannie Brooks, Marsha Oggs, Sam Collier, Ruby Ellison, Earl Kyle, Claude Gully, Corino Williams, Verbie Sasser, Lena Rushing, Merr Mincy, Lena Rushing, F. G. Cooper, Tia McCown, Logan McCown, Annie Bryman, John Campbell, Harold Grimes, and Brenda Nelson.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Donnie Carpenter, James Senn, Demeko Cole, Jamie Kelly, Mary O. Bryan, Dorothy Davis, Carol Harbick, Katie Moore, Cleo McDaniel, Wilma Marler, Eva Miller, Jean Paul, Fannie Brooks, Marsha Oggs, Sam Collier, Ruby Ellison, Earl Kyle, Claude Gully, Corino Williams, Verbie Sasser, Lena Rushing, Marjorie Harrison, Merr Mincy, F. G. Cooper, Dorothy Williams, Tia McCown, and Logan McCown.

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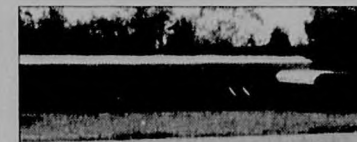
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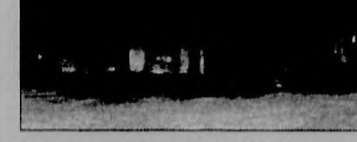
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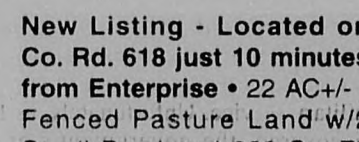
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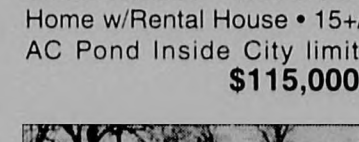
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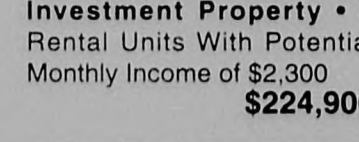
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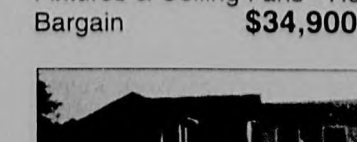
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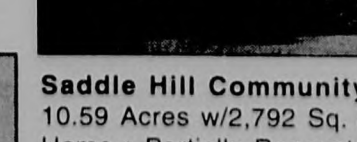
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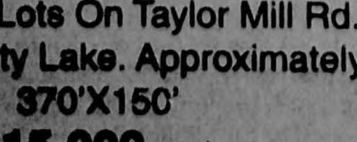
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Coffee County Unit of the American Cancer Society would like to thank everyone who made the 2000 Relay for Life the overwhelming success it was. The solid support of the community and the enthusiasm and dedication of the committee members, the team captains and team members, the corporate sponsors and all of the other volunteers working together helped to raise an all time high in Coffee County of \$278,500.

We thank St. Luke United Methodist Church for sharing your facilities with us for our team captain meetings, First Baptist Church of Enterprise for hosting our Survivor Breakfast, and Enterprise State Junior College for all of your support. Dr. Thompson, Joey and the entire staff of ESJC were wonderful.

We would also like to thank the media for the excellent coverage of our event. From the kick off in early January to the celebration/awards supper in June, you kept the community up to date on our activities. Our committee realizes how fortunate we are to have your support.

This truly is a community that has taken up the fight against cancer and it is now time for us to look ahead - RELAY 2001, MAY 18th at ESJC.

Sincerely,
Linda Andress & Charlene Goolsby
2000 Relay for Life Co-Chairs

Dear Mr. Cox,

The Friends of the Believers in Christ appeared before the Coffee County Board of Education last month to request that the Believers in Christ at Zion Chapel High School be allowed to meet during regular school hours. This was the third time that we have appeared before the board. After presenting the board with 720 signed petitions

from concerned parents and other concerned citizens and a petition bearing the signature of 59 students we made a simple request that the students be allowed to meet once each month for organization, planning, management, and encouragement. For the third time, our request was denied.

Once again, we were told that there were laws preventing the board from honoring our request. The question that we would like to put before the board now is this - What is the name of the law or the number of the law that would be broken by honoring our request. There is no such law! There is, however, a law that would allow the request to be honored - The Equal Access Law. The Constitution also guarantees freedom of religion - Not freedom from religion.

Our board told us that if they allowed this club to meet that it would open up the possibility for less desirable clubs to meet. Other nearby schools that allow similar clubs to meet on their campus have not indicated to us that this is a problem. What are these less desirable clubs? Do they actually exist? Are there any less desirable clubs in any school system or is this just something that the board has made up to play on the fears of the community. Is it only in this community that less desirable clubs would be a problem? I ask the board to show us where any one of these less desirable clubs exist.

They asked me if everyone that signed the petition knew what they were signing. They asked me if they knew that there were laws that would prevent the board from allowing the students to meet during regular school hours. Well if they know about any such laws they know more than we do. Again, I would like to emphasize that there isn't any laws that would prevent the board from allowing the students to meet during school hours. While I'm sure that

some of the people who signed the petition may not have fully understood what they were signing, the vast majority did understand. It is an insult to the ones that signed the petition to be told that they did not know what they were doing.

I would like to note that many of our freedoms are under attack presently. The right to bear arms, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and other freedoms seem to be constantly under attack. I suppose it is good that we have to constantly stand up for these freedoms, otherwise we might become complacent and we might lose all of our freedoms at once. If we allow any of our freedoms to be weakened, we make it possible for all of the other freedoms to be weakened. All of our freedoms are joined together as a chain is joined and all of our freedoms are only as good as the weakest link. If you believe in the right to bear arms then you must support the other freedoms to be weakened. If you believe in freedom of speech then you must support all of the other freedoms afforded by the Constitution in order to hold on to that freedom.

It is my prayer that we will not let our freedoms for granted. Please voice your concern to the board members and others that may be in a position to help. Pray for the prayer club and the board members.
Larry Dickey
28040 Highway 87
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EDITOR

From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

Standing Up for America's Veterans

Recently, our nation celebrated Memorial Day by remembering the sacrifices our fallen veterans have made to ensure the freedoms we enjoy today. It is much too easy to take for granted the service of these great Americans who have given so much for us. The way we can honor our deceased veterans is to take care of those military heroes still with us today.

As Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, it is my job to probe our federal government's treatment of its veterans. I have held numerous hearings and led dozens of investigations into the quality of veterans' health care and the delivery of federal benefits to America's veterans. These hearings have often led to some shocking revelations of government failure to provide proper service to our veterans' community. One such disturbing revelation came just a few weeks ago.

On May 18, I conducted a hearing into the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) performance in handling disability claims for our veterans. In addition to providing health care for our 25 million

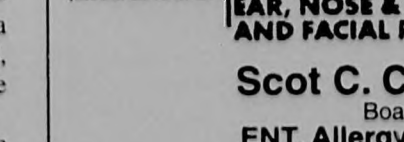
veterans, the VA is also charged with the responsibility of reviewing and processing financial payments to veterans who suffered disabilities as a result of their military service. Unfortunately, as I discovered, the government's efficiency in dealing with such disability compensation cases continues to be unacceptably poor. For most veterans who have requested such military service-related disability assistance from the VA, the experience is a frustrating one. It often takes the VA's huge bureaucracy up to two years to handle the paperwork and reach a decision on a veteran's claim. Since many of these veterans are aging or in poor health, or both, such delays are devastating to their quality of life and peace of mind.

One of the witnesses before my subcommittee was Alabama veteran Eugene Birge of Covington County. Birge, the mayor of Lockhart, related how it has taken the VA years to agree to disability compensation claims relating to his honorable service in Vietnam and in the Persian Gulf War. Birge's cases is typical and he may actually be one of the lucky ones.

The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) reported in 1999 that at least 70 veterans died while waiting for the VA to finish paperwork on their disability compensation claims. While these and other veterans were not denied medical treatment during their lengthy claims process, they were forced to cope with their military service-related disabilities as best they could without financial help from the federal government.

The VA embarked nearly a decade ago on streamlining its paperwork process with the help of computers. Since that time, it has spent nearly \$400 million dollars on new computer hardware and software. The VA's efficiency data which showed slight improvement in cutting veterans delays is actually flawed and there has been no real improvement. It is unclear whether this VA data was inaccurate due to human error or by deliberate intention to make the VA look good. I plan to hold further hearings into the matter to determine what actually happened and if criminal charges might be warranted against some in the VA for deliberately falsifying performance numbers.

America's veterans deserve not only our tributes and thanks, they deserve adequate medical care and benefits promised by their government. Our veterans have already fought for their country. They do not deserve to have to fight again for decent treatment from their own government.



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AREA DEATHS

INUS MELVINA BLAKE

Miss Inus Melvina Blake, age 99, of Enterprise, Ala., died May 30, 2000 at Enterprise Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held June 4, 2000 from the Chapel of Wilson Funeral Home in Ft. Payne, Ala. with Rev. Pat McFadden and Rev. Jimmy Griffin officiating. Burial followed in the Adamsburg Cemetery in Ft. Payne, Ala. with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

RODRICK TYRELL LINDSEY
Mr. Rodrick Tyrell Lindsey, age 18, of Opp, Ala., died May 28, 2000.

Mr. Lindsey was born Nov. 29, 1981 to Polly Lindsey and James Stouemire Sr. of Opp. He attended school in the Opp City School System.

Funeral services were held May 31, 2000 at Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ in Opp with Elder George Martin officiating. Burial followed at the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Polly Lindsey Stouemire, Mt. Vernon, Ala.; his step-father: James Stouemire Jr., Rochester, N.Y.; one son: Tye Marquise Lindsey, Opp; his brothers: James Stouemire Jr., Rochester, N.Y.; Jackie Stouemire, Jason Stouemire, James Ray Stouemire, all of Enterprise; Justin Stouemire, Opp; his sisters: Patsey Nell (James) Edwards, Rochester, N.Y.; Mary Lacey, Loretta Stouemire, Jennifer Lindsey, Charlotte, N.Y.; all of Opp; his grandmother: Louise Lindsey, Opp; and several aunts and uncles.

LARRY BURKS

Mr. Larry Burks, born April 14,

1961, of Elba, died May 27, 2000.

Funeral services were held June 1, 2000 at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba with Rev. Kelvin Burks officiating. Burial followed in the Rocky Head Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Burks was preceded in death by one brother, Tim Burks.

Survivors include his wife: Shannon Burks; one daughter: Marquita Burks; one son: Larry Burks; seven sisters: Diane Coleman, Betty Sams (Smith), Cathy Lockett (Chris), Linda Burks (Sirlister), Tammy Daniels (Harold), Trice Burks (Willie), all of Elba; Sandra Burks (Nathan), Opp; one half-sister: Betty Ann Burks, Pennsylvania; six brothers: Garry Burks (Juanita), Bobby Burks, Terry Burks (Betty Ann), Tony Burks (Yvonne), Randy Burks (Sandy), Brian Burks (Jackie), all of Elba; two half-brothers: Bobby Ray Burks, Texas; James Burks, Enterprise; his grandmother: Ruth Belcher, and many other relatives.

WILMA MAE MARLER
Mrs. Wilma Mae Marler, age 79, of 105 Champ McCollough Drive, Elba, Ala., died June 1, 2000 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

Mrs. Marler was a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County.

Funeral services were held June

4, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. David Richburg, Rev. Walter Kennedy and Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Marler was preceded in death by her husband, Manuel Marler.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Elizabeth and Earl Elliott, Elba; Annette and Dalton Francis, Enterprise; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law: Richard Shepherd, Birmingham; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law: Rick and Lisa Francis, Enterprise; a great-granddaughter: Anna Shepherd, Birmingham; a great-grandson: Will Shepherd, Birmingham; three brothers: Willie Rachel, Elba; Howard Rachel, Elba; John D. Rachel, Jack; three sisters: Mamie Cain, Elba; Nell Conley, Jack; and Nadine Kyser, Montgomery.

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This informational class will be held Monday, Aug. 7, from 6:30-8:45 p.m. at Enterprise State Junior College. A cost of \$10 will cover a light meal, all handouts and the CEU credits. To pre-register, ESJC at 893-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Area News

Elba native named State Assistant Principal of the Year



William G. (Buddy) Clark Jr.

William G. "Buddy" Clark Jr., a 1982 graduate of Elba High School, was recently named Alabama's Assistant Principal of the Year by the Council for Leaders of Alabama's Schools, Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals and McDonald's Corporation. He has served as the President of the District II Principal's Association for the past two years and has been a member of the Board of Directors for AASSP at the state level for the past two years. The award is underwritten by McDonald's who presents the recipient with a check for \$1,000.

Clark began his teaching career at Lanier High School in Montgomery in 1989 after earning a degree in biology from Troy State University. He traveled back to Coffee County each summer to teach summer school biology at

Enterprise High School. Following a three year stint in the capital city school system, he returned to Enterprise High School to accept a permanent position teaching advanced biology. In 1995, Clark accepted an administrative assignment from the Daleville City School System as an assistant principal at Daleville High School, but was lured back to Enterprise in 1996 where he assumed his current duties as administrative assistant to longtime EHS Principal David Carter.

"Since I have known Buddy, he has always been a real hard charger," said Carter. "He made an immediate impact here at our school ten years ago and still does today. He is genuinely concerned about the students, he is a strict disciplinarian and the kids respond favorably to him. He relates to and understands them extremely well. He enjoys the challenges of his job as demonstrated in the way he anticipates problems and acts in an effective way to help us solve them. Buddy possesses many talents and abilities that will enable him to continue to grow as a professional educator. I am honored and proud that

he is part of my administrative team at Enterprise High School."

In addition to holding a Master's degree in biology, Clark has also earned an Education Specialist degree in educational leadership. He is a member of the Council for Leaders of Alabama Schools, Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He attends the First Baptist Church of Enterprise.

Clark says that the close working relationship he shares with over 1,200 students can be overwhelming at times but adds that anything worth having or doing carries a price.

"Few occupations in America offer the opportunity to positively or negatively affect the lives of more people than being an educator," said Clark. "It's the little things in life that matter most and we all had to have a little push from someone along the way to get us over the hump. After a while, it becomes easier to recognize students who need a 'push' and you have to be willing to reach them at that point if you want to make a difference. I search for a 'life' lesson in every

bad situation dealing with students and try to make examples they can remember."

Clark is quick to credit those who have been instrumental in shaping both his personal and professional life. Mike Lindsey, former principal of Daleville High School, was an outstanding school man and was willing to take a chance on him at a young age. He also mentions a host of Enterprise administrators who have been outstanding mentors in Thad Morgan, Rick Rainer, Jim Reese and David Carter.

"I've been extremely fortunate in my teaching and administrative career to have been surrounded by such brilliant, caring people," Clark said. "What little success I have had, I owe it all to them and to my mother for helping me along. The longer I am around young people and now that I have my own son, I understand why my mother was so hard on me. Sometimes you have to hurt kids to help them."

Buddy resides in Enterprise with his wife, Cavelle, and their seven month old son, William G. Clark III. He is the son of the late Suzanne Hayes Clark and William Gordon Clark.



SHANNON LEE of Elba joined over 90 other graduates in Enterprise State Junior College's 34th Graduation ceremony recently.

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Heritage Committee meeting to be held June 15th

Victoria School Register, 1918, is an example of the pioneer school histories to be included in the up and coming book, The Heritage of Coffee County. This book, compiled and edited by Coffee County citizens, is one of a series of 67 books which will be published statewide in the collection entitled, The Heritage of Alabama. Our county book is currently being compiled and will consist of short family and community stories pertaining to residents of Coffee County, past and present. Anyone having family histories or community stories they wish to be included in the book should contact one of the Coffee County Heritage Book Committee members for further information: Anne Hood (897-5852), Lavinia Helms (347-6150), Marion Brunson (897-2427), Phyllis Maddox (897-5550), or Peggy Stroud (897-2847). Interested contributors are also encouraged to attend the next Heritage Committee meeting which will be held in the Log Cabin Welcome Center on the Enterprise by-pass on Thursday afternoon, June 15, at 4 p.m. (Please note time change.)

Persons wishing to purchase a book at the pre-publication price of \$59.00 (price includes tax and shipping) may call Lanelle Hundley (347-1356) or write to Coffee County Heritage Committee, PO Box 310654, Enterprise, AL 36030.

Grade One: Frank Brown 5, Arlean Nolin 6, Glen Morrison 8, Peris Boutwell 8, Watus Kelley 8, Dollie Lee Tucker 8, Myrtle Head 8, Tommie Bailey 8, Nellie Morrison 8, Blanch Crook 7, Mita Hussey 8, Martha Cain 10, Katie Cain 8, Lillie Cain 6, Bruce Maddox 11, Bartow Maddox 10, Perry Kelley 12, J. D. Kelley 11, Lohle Wise 8, Tifton Nolin 10, Carl Martin 8, Nelson Brown 8, Addie Cannon 7, Beulah Cain 7, Annie Brown 13, Bessie Tucker 5, J. C. Kelley 6, Alto Kelley 8, Merrell Boutwell 6, Jimmie Brown 9, Basil Crook 7, Comer Nolin 7, Ocie Matthews 11, James Matthews 7, Mary Martin 4, Ralph Crook 4, Grady Welch 5, and Casey Wise 5.

Grade Two: Rosabell Allen 10, Lorene Kelley 8, Jim Tom Wise 10, Irma Crook 8, Connie Welch 10, Theron Head 10, Eldridge Stroud 8, Fred Kelley 8, Clifton Morrison 11, Kermit Crook 9, Roy Nolin 8, Dewey Boutwell 16, and L. J. Hussey 12.

Grade Three: Gretchen Dyess 8, Louise Brown 11, Beatrice Kelley 10, J. P. Williams 8, Agy Cain 12.

Also submitted in this Heritage Book is an old photo of the 1917 Victoria student body. Certainly many of the students found on the above register list were pictured in that old photograph.

Submitted by Vera Nell Goodson Bragg of Victoria.

Victoria School Register, 1918

Miss Rena Adkinson, daughter of John D. Adkinson and Lizzie Tucker, was a teacher in Victoria, Dyess, and Brunson schools before she married. An old Victoria School Register in her possession has been made available for this book by Vera Nell Goodson Bragg, daughter of Rena Adkinson and Collis Goodson.

This register was for a summer term of school, "commencing July 1, 1918, and ending Sept. 13, 1918." It names all the children who were on roll in grades 1-3 for that term; there were 62 children, ranging from ages five to sixteen. Hopefully, Miss Adkinson was not the only teacher responsible for that

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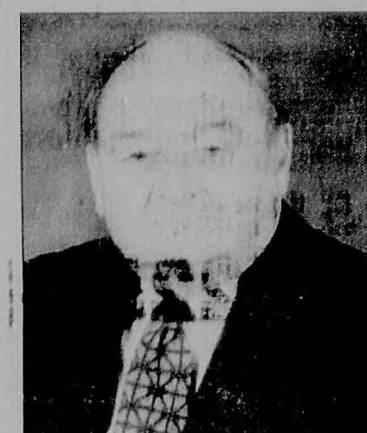
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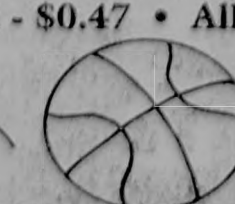
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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Two of our neighbors cats have had kittens over the past few weeks, and now that the kittens have begun to wander it means that every time we open the door the little kittens are in the doorway, and every time we get in the car we have to chase some of the kittens out from under the car. We have an outdoor dog that is half Rottweiler and half Irish Setter, but he doesn't even pay the kittens any attention, and that means there is nothing to scare the kittens away. If the census people would count cats, the population on our road would triple!

THE WEEK IN SPORTS...

*** The biggest news last week came from Kinston High School and Zion Chapel High School, where almost all the coaches at both schools saw their coaching duties taken away. I talked with Coffee County Supt. of Education Roger Bowden Friday morning, and he stated that what had happened was that the existing coaches were relieved of their coaching duties pending new coaching assignments being handed out by the principals at the schools. From what I could gather, the principals at the two schools will review the entire athletic programs at both schools, and after meeting with the former coaches and potential new coaches, will make a decision as to who will coach the various sports at the schools. With the recent resignation of Keith Thrasher as the head football and head basketball coach at New Brockton, it looks like there will definitely be some new faces on the fields and on the courts in the Coffee County system come next school year. As an outsider looking in, I don't believe that the principals or county school board have any intention of cleaning house at all the schools. The easiest way to restructure the total athletic programs was to wipe the slate clean and start all over again, and I will be very surprised if many of the coaches aren't put back in their slots. But only time will tell.

*** I saw in this month's state AEA newsletter where the Elba City School system is also advertising for three coaches. The coaches will be required to teach drivers ed, social studies, and science and health, and one would assume that at least one of the coaches will be Elba's next head basketball coach. While many schools across the state are sending their basketball teams to team camps, the Elba players are left wondering just what will happen. I know the basketball vacancy is filled with many problems, but I encourage the Elba officials to try and fill the vacancy as soon as possible, and with the best qualified applicant. I guess the other slots advertised are for coaching and teaching vacancies previously filled by non-tenured instructors, and are simply means of finding out who just might want the job. I'll keep my eye on the happenings at Elba High, also, and keep everyone informed.

*** A couple of the girls softball "All-Star" teams are being announced in this week's paper, and I would like to once again remind all parents that just because their child may have been left off the teams doesn't mean there kids might give up the sport. What it means is that the coaches felt that over the course of the past season maybe some other players played better and were more deserving. Tell your kids that next year you will work with them even more then ever and being an All-Star will be a goal that maybe they can reach. It takes much more than All-Stars to have leagues, and the leagues are played for the kids to have fun and learn a sport, not just to be on an All-Star team.

*** When the girls leagues finish this week, I guess it will mark the end of slow pitch softball in the Elba Recreation Leagues. The leagues will all make the move to fast pitch next season in all age divisions, and while the move won't come without a few headaches, it is a change that must be made to keep up with the changing scene of girls softball across the nation. The move will be gradual, in that a few rules will be changed slightly. However, next season the Elba leagues will join the ranks of fast pitch softball.

*** There is an article in this week's sports about youth football and cheerleader registration, and while the registration is much earlier than in years past, it is necessary to make certain that the players are all fully equipped with equipment that fits, and to let the cheerleaders have time to get their uniforms before the first games. Forms will be located at City Hall, the Rec office and at the City Pool, and everyone interested is encouraged to register now. Believe me, it will help down the line.

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Kinston High to host volleyball camp in July

Kinston High School will host its "Volleyball Camp 2000" on July 24-28 at the Kinston High School gym. Campers in grades 5-8 will attend the clinic daily from 9:00 AM - 12:00 (noon), while campers in grades 9-12 will attend from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Clinicians will be Kinston Lady Bull-dog coaches Amelia Rhoades and Janie Wiggins, and the cost of the camp is \$50 per camper. Skills and techniques taught will include serving, hitting, setting, blocking, passing, offense and defense. For more information contact camp director Amelia Rhoades at 365-3111, ext.26, or 565-3240.

Troy Sportsplex has busy tourney calendar in June

*** The Troy Sportsplex will host an ASA Men's Class C, C and D, and Women's C and Below softball tournament on June 9-10. Entry fee is \$110 per team and teams must hit their own softballs. Trophies will be given to the top four teams, along with t-shirts to the winning teams. Teams must wear matching jerseys and no steel cleats are allowed. Deadline for registration is June 7 at 5:00 PM. For more information contact Pam Nix at 334-670-6051 or 334-566-4031.

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SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS AT ELBA HIGH...were honored recently at the annual Elba Tiger Football Awards Banquet. Senior team captains were Bradley Bowers, Britt Grimes, Jep DuBose, Tony Burks and Josh Lawford. Awards presented at the banquet went to Bradley Bowers - Outstanding Offensive Back; Britt Grimes and Carson Waters - Outstanding Offensive Linemen; Tim Ware and Dustin Stinson - Outstanding Receivers; Jep DuBose - Outstanding Defensive Lineman; Josh Lawford - Outstanding Defensive Back; Brandon Salter - Head-Hunter Award; Josh Lawford, Britt Grimes and Bradley Bowers were also honored for their dedication to the off-season weight program, as well as being nominated for the 2000 All-Star football team. Britt Grimes was also recognized for being a pre-season All-State selection in Alabama Football Illustrated. Pictured above are (kneeling, l-r) Tony Burks, Dustin Stinson and Josh Lawford, (standing, l-r) Jep DuBose, Bradley Bowers, Tim Ware and Britt Grimes.

For all age divisions

Youth football registration set for June 12-23

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that "Youth Football Registration" will begin on Monday, June 12, and continue for two weeks through Friday, June 23, for boys participating in Midget, Terminate and Pee Wee football leagues. Football registration will be held at this time due to the Tri-County Youth Football League beginning in August, and to insure that all players receive properly fitted equipment. All players that complete football registration during the two-week registration period will be placed on a team.

Registration is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child, and will be accepted through June 23, at the Elba Recreation Office located at 764 North Claxton Avenue, in Elba. Football players that have not participated in the league before are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate. For additional information call the Elba Recreation Department office at 897-6833.

If a child signs up after the June 23 deadline, he will be taken on a first come first serve basis, and will be placed on a team until the team roster is filled.

Boys ages 7-8 before August 1, 2000 will be placed in the Midget League, while boys ages 9-10 before August 1 will be in the Terminate League, and boys ages 11-12 before August 1 will complete in the Pee Wee League.

Other teams in the Tri-County Youth Football League include Opp, Andalusia, Red Level, Straughn, New Brockton and Florida.

Youth cheerleader registration set for June 12-23

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for cheerleaders for the Tri-County Youth Football League will begin on Monday, June 12, and continue through Friday, June 23. Cheerleader registration will be held at this time to help parents and sponsors order cheerleader uniforms and equipment for the squads, and to insure the squads are prepared at the first game of the season. The season will begin in early August, and it is very important that everyone register now!

Girls ages 7-8 before August 1 will cheer in the Midget League, while girls ages 9-10 will cheer in the Terminate League, and girls ages 11-12 will cheer in the Pee Wee League. Registration is \$10 per person and will be taken through June 23 at the Elba Recreation office at 897-6833.

For more information call the Elba Recreation office at 897-6833.

It was a wild week of action at Elba Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor Baseball League games

Following are last week's highlights from the Elba Dixie Youth and Elba Dixie Minor Baseball Leagues:

*** PHILLIES 12 MARLINS 11 - (Dixie Youth) Blake Berry got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Phillies, while Hunter McGuire and Drew Parker both added 2 hits, and Chase Boutwell and Ryan Copeland both scored 2 runs. Tim Jackson got 2 hits and scored 2 runs for the Marlins, while Stephen

Driggers and Jauan Starks both added 2 hits, and Jacob Forbes scored 2 runs.

*** ROYALS 15 PIRATES 14 - (Dixie Youth) Chafin Johnson got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Royals, while Mason Gulley scored 3 runs, and Lonzo Cooks, LaRay Williams and Matthew Snell all scored 2 runs. Josh Nelson got 2 hits for the Pirates.

*** CARDINALS 10 ASTROS 3 - (Dixie Minor) John Jared had a double for the Cardinals, while Justin Pike and Aaron Drewery both scored 2 runs. Michael Jackson scored 2 runs for the Astros.

*** SAMSON 15 D'BACKS 3 - (Dixie Minor) Lance Hill got 2 hits and scored 3 runs for Samson, while Dalton Seabright and Joseph

Thornion both scored 2 runs. Drew Ellis, Robert Paul and Bobby Hudson all scored 1 run for the Diamondbacks.

*** PIRATES 11 PHILLIES 7 - (Dixie Youth - Practice Game) Abe Childs, Tom McClain and Joey Jones all scored 2 runs for the Pirates, while Chase Boutwell got 2 hits for the Phillies and Hunter McGuire and Nathan Calhoun scored 2 runs each.

*** ROYALS 10 MARLINS 3 - (Dixie Youth - Game under protest) Mason Gulley, Lonzo Cooks and LaRay Williams all got 2 hits and scored 2 runs for the Royals, while Chafin Johnson scored 2 runs. Stephen Driggers got 2 hits for the Marlins.

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Katie Donaldson
Coach: Ricky Mularz

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Tessa Lee
Elena McCormick
Becky Stinson
Shawanna Wright
Mallory Allen
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Keri Hobbs
Amanda Pope
Summer Stricklin
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Kendall Stinson
Coach: Jim McCormick

14 AND UNDER ALL-STARS

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Deann Smith
Elizabeth Farris
Ashley Gibson
Alison Smith
Michele Carpenter
Danae Ware
Devri Kilcrease
Melissa Sanders
Emily Paul
Jessica Danford
Haleigh Duncan
Lacy Carlile
Coach: Steve Williams

Action is non-stop in Coach-Pitch Baseball League

Following are highlights from last week's "Coach-Pitch Baseball League" action:

*** RED SOX 14 RAYS 8 - D.J. McKee, Alonzo Rodgers, Connor Kelley, Jaron Kelley and Chase Sauls all scored 2 runs for the Red Sox. Ben Pope and Justin Mallory

both scored 2 runs for the Rays.

*** BLUE JAYS 14 PHILLIES 13 - Kyle Pope scored 3 runs for the Blue Jays, while Kendrick Robertson, Michael Spurlin, Brandon Byrd and Sandaris Reed all scored 2 runs. Scoring 2 runs for the Phillies were Rob Driggers, Skylor Thomas, Brandon Farnon, Garrett Stephenson and Nickalus Stephenson.

*** ROCKIES 20 BLUE JAYS 13 - Cameron Johnson and Joseph Coxwell both scored 3 runs for the Rockies, while Isaac Nelson, Robby Forbes, Chance Goosby and Tony

Morris all scored 2 runs. Scoring 2 runs for the Blue Jays were Michael Martin and Sandaris Reed.

*** RAYS 27 PHILLIES 18 - Ryan Pope and Jason Allen both scored 5 runs for the Rays, while Ben Pope scored 4 runs and Justin Mallory and Keith Rodgers scored 3 runs, each. Scoring 2 runs were Jacob Pettie, Xavier Rogers and Dillian Tysinger. Nickalus Stephenson, Jeremy Johnson and Rob Driggers all scored 3 runs for the Phillies, while Garrett Stephenson, Jamar Jackson, Zeb Danley and Lacy Carlile all scored 2 runs.

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Community News

Zion Chapel Elementary School Honor Roll 4th Nine Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade
Erin Dismukes, Paige Gibson, Kayla Hurd, James Jones, Lydia Mills, Derrick Sanders, Montana Senn, Darnesia Tillis

Second Grade

Alex Archie, Weston Brown, Dillon Davis, Hillary Davis, Tara Howe-Davis, Hayden Gibson, Zach Gilbert, Tanner Grant, Heather Hines, Nicole Holloway, Heather McCollough, Erica Mount, Nicole Napper, Landan Peters, Josh Richards, Dillon Roberts, Garrett Stinson, Kayla Tracy, Lance Walden, Joey White

Third Grade

Lindsey Amlog, Kirsten Collins, Chelsey Freeman, Joshua Gilbert, Amber Grissett, Caitlin Grissett, Kelly Hatcher, Drew Little, Kristen Patterson, Clara Smith, Kyle Tankersley, Justin Winters

Fourth Grade

Brittany Cardwell, Cassandra Cole, Brittany Dismukes, Jessi Johnson, Brittany Liptrot, Terry, Gage Nalley, Luke Peters, Rod

Rider, Jonas Simmons, Brooke Stinson, Rebecca Thompson

Fifth Grade

Todd Grant, Keagan Hussey, Matt Williams

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade
Sarah Allen, Kayla Bagwell, Brandon Barnhill, Will Bedsole, Kelli Behrens, Shelby Boswell, Logan Berry, Wesley Black, Brett Cardwell, Kendra Culver, Hillary Davis, Michelle Downing, Jonathan Edwards, Hayden Ellis, Marli Falls, Taylor Faulkner, Brandon Grant, Brandon Liptrot, Shelby Maxie, Justin McWaters, Amelia Perry, Kayla Pope, Brandi Quattlebaum, Shalandra Rudolph, Blake Simmons, Taylor Stephens, Tory Stinson, Blake Walden, Dillon Ziglar

Second Grade

Lee Acreman, Nathaniel Bagwell, Savannah Ballew, Jasmine Bell, Sierra Bush, Heather Carter, Nathaniel Cox, Justin Hammond, Henry Haynes, Marilana Hood, Lila Johnson, Jayson Kelley,

Logan Leverett, Alexis Messina, Johnna Myers, Shane Nelson, Zach Senn, Zack Sawyer, Nicole Wallace, Josh Williams

Third Grade

Shane Barnhill, Gatlin Carney, Cory Carter, Savannah Cole, Kati Edwards, Bili Gibson, Adam Hartley, Makaylah Hodge, Trac Long, Ronnie McBride, B.J. McLeod, Ethan Mount, Penny Parker, Steven Petry, Amber Powell, Ashley Quattlebaum, Sierra Senn, Robby Thrash, Leana Vinson

Fourth Grade

Logan Carney, Jessie Carroll, Tara Gibson, Sheena Hussey, Summer Parker, Caitlin White, Anna Wilson

Fifth Grade

Adam Carter, Erica Lewis, Tiffany Liptrot, Audrianna Mills, Davannah Parker, Ashley Parrish, Jessica Powell, John Price, Jennifer Taylor, Loyd White, Angel Williams

"B" Honor Roll

Third Grade
Cera-Adkins, Sherry Chapman



ELECTION DAY... Local voters were out and about on Tuesday of this week at the respective voting districts placing their marks on the political pages of the county, state and national ranks. After the many many hours of candidates visiting with the people, handing out cards and putting up signs, it was the voters turn to have their say. Above, Elveter Johnson and her mother, Arkie Hodge, take a minute to pose for the camera before making their "big" decisions. Tuesday's election consisted of the primaries for both the Republican and Democratic parties.

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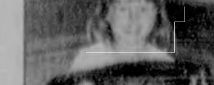
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GOVERNOR LIKENS IT UNTO THE SAHARA DESERT

Drought awes Gov. Siegelman & officials

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

Last Friday morning, one of the many helicopters, a UH60 Black Hawk, flying in Southeast Alabama carried Alabama Governor Don Siegelman, Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bishop, and the Jimmy Parker Farm in Geneva County. Farmers, local government officials and other media representatives were gathered at these two sites to meet and talk with Gov. Siegelman.

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relief might be offered to Alabama by the federal government, but I will make sure Alabama receives its share of any federal assistance."

After departing the Dothan Jet Center, the governor's helicopter set down at two area farms - the Jack Sherrer farm in Coffee County and the Jimmy Parker Farm in Geneva County. Farmers, local government officials and other media representatives were gathered at these two sites to meet and talk with Gov. Siegelman.

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PLAN OF ATTACK... Gov. Don Siegelman (center) listens to Coffee County Farmer Jack Sherrer (right of governor) as he explains his plight and the problems he faces due to the drought. Listening in on the conversation are: General Alexander, Commissioner Bishop, Sen. Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer.

CONTRACT LET ON CELL #5 AT LANDFILL

Commission approves \$1.2 million bond sale

by Marvin McLWain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting in regular session approved a bond sale, awarded the contract for the construction of cell number 5 at the county landfill and awarded a contract for janitorial services at the Enterprise Courthouse. They also heard a complaint from a county resident on the lack of control for stray animals - namely dogs.

Commissioners passed two resolutions approving the issuance of two series of bonds to fund the final year of a three-year paving and resurfacing project approved in the April 10th meeting. The cost of the project is \$1,005,500.00 plus the cost of issuing the bonds.

Fred Majors, a representative for Regions Bank, presented the commissioners with the bond package and explained that one series (A) of bonds would be issued at 5.25 percent interest and would be repaid with funds generated by the 4¢ gasoline tax. The other series (B) of bonds will be issued at 5.31 percent interest and will be repaid with funds generated by the 5¢ gasoline tax.

Commissioners Robert Stephens expressed reservations about approving the issuance of these bonds having seen the bond proposal package for the first time in Monday's meeting.

After several minutes of discussion and the assurance from the county attorney, Joe Cassidy, that he and the county's bond attorneys had examined the proposal thoroughly and everything appeared to be in order, the commissioners approved both resolutions.

Seven bids were received and opened in Monday's meeting for the construction of cell 5 at the Coffee County Sanitary Landfill. The bids ranged from \$2.6 million to 2.02 million. The contract was awarded to S. A. Graham of Brun-

didge, Ala., which submitted a low bid of \$2,015,234.00.

County Engineer Randy Tindell told commissioners that the expected life of the cell is estimated at 5 to 7 years based on the usage to the landfill at the present rate. He also noted that the county should be able to pay for the construction of the new cell without having to borrow any funds unless there is an unforeseen interruption in cash flow.

Southern Management Company of Dothan was awarded the contract for providing janitorial services for the Enterprise Courthouse. Their bid was low at \$26,976.00 annually.

A county resident, Leiland Floyd, appeared before the commission to register his complaint concerning stray animals - mainly dogs - in rural portions of the county.

Floyd related to the commissioners several incidents that he had had with stray dogs and those that he had heard about involving other individuals.

"It's time to put the law down on these dog owners," said Floyd. "Coffee County needs a leash law real bad."

Commissioners were very attentive to Floyd and promised to address the matter.

County Engineer Randy Tindell gave the commissioners an update on several projects that are in the works.

He commented on the condemnation process presently in progress on Co. Rd. 157 involving two landowners. Tindell told commissioners that an agreement had been reached with one of the landowners, and he had a recommendation for their consideration on the other.

There are six (6) pecan trees involved in the pending condemnation and in order to save them, the road will have to be moved which will involve another landowner. The owner of the pecan trees has agreed to accept one-half (\$3,865) of the

appraised value (\$7,730) of his land involved in the right-of-way in exchange for saving the trees.

The other landowner has agreed to sell his property (1.12 acres) for \$4,000.

Bottom line, Tindell recommended that the commission pay the \$7,865 noting that this amount would be quite a bit less than the cost of the condemnation process. The county attorney concurred.

After several minutes of discussion the commission voted 6-1 to abide by Tindell's recommendation. Commissioner Doug Dallymple cast the lone dissenting vote.

The engineer commented on the following road projects: Co. Rd. 636 - resurfacing project completed; Co. Rd. 474 - resurfacing has begun; Co. Rd. 476 - contractor

Please See ROADS Page 14

NEWS BRIEF

The search for the remains and/or evidence in the case of Wayne Douglas Bryan, who was 51 years old when he disappeared almost five years ago, has been terminated at the site on AL Hwy. 134. The operation at the location about five miles west of Enterprise was stopped at 3:00 p.m. Monday afternoon. A joint press conference was scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, at 9 a.m. at the District Attorney's Office, however details released at that conference were not available prior to press time.

The search had been going on since Monday, June 5, and involved a area about the size of a football field. Last Thursday, the search area had narrowed to a place along Little Double Bridges Creek about 6-8 feet wide and 50 feet in length. Water in the creek had been diverted allowing forensic investigators to "sift" through the sediments on the creek bottom.

Audubon, at this time, have not said whether or not any evidence has been found during the extensive search. Bryan has not been seen or heard from since his mysterious disappearance from a site where he was working on his quail farm located on Co. Rd. 511. His dog and pickup truck with his rifle in the ignition were found by concerned family members at that site.

Area Happenings

WATER USAGE RESTRICTION. The New Brockton Water Department is banning all outside watering effective immediately. This includes the Town of New Brockton, Damascus, Ino, Clintonville and Tabernacle areas. Water tables are dangerously low.

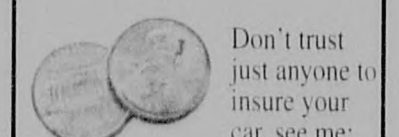
ELBA AARP MEETING. The Elba AARP's regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, June 20, 6 to 7 p.m., at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. Elba's Economic Development Director Dick Chaney will present a program on "Enhancing Elba's Economic Environment. Anyone 50 or older is invited to attend the meeting. Those wishing to do so may come around 5:45 p.m. and bring a covered dish, and enjoy a delicious meal prior to the program.



DROUGHT CONDITIONS... exist even closer to home, evidence of the drought can be seen. The picture above was taken of Beaver Dam Creek less than a mile from downtown Elba from the Caroline Street bridge. A person can see grass growing in the creekbed. This is the creek that got Elba declared a national disaster area in March of 1998 when 4-6 feet of water covered downtown Elba.

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